

# **Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Youth Subcommittee**

## **Tuesday, November 25, 2025, Approved**

### **Attendees:**

**Subcommittee Members Attending:** Rebecca Crowder (co-chair), Jo Anne McNemar, Elizabeth Shahan (co-chair), Tiffany Pittman

**Invited Subcommittee Members, Not Attending:** Misty Atkins, Tahnee Bryant, EJ Jenkins, Amy Sadler,

**Guests Attending:** Elizaberh Hardy

**Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) Staff Attending:** Olivia Fox, Jessica Smith

**Marshall University Staff Attending:** Bradley McCoy

### **Opening:**

Rebecca Crowder provided welcome and opening remarks of this meeting of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Youth Subcommittee. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, and was conducted by Google Meet conference. Co-chairs Rebecca Crowder and Elizabeth Shahan approved the October 23, 2025 meeting minutes. There was no further discussion. The purpose of this meeting was to finalize the 2026 State Plan.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **2026 State Plan Planning**

- Rebecca Crowder and Elizabeth Shahan worked together to develop a 2026 State Plan draft this month to share with the Subcommittee. The chairs reviewed and read through the draft and asked for Subcommittee input. There were no edits or revisions. A copy of the draft is included below.
- There is a meeting of all Subcommittee chairs and the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) on December 4, 2025 in Charleston, West Virginia. Chairs will have an opportunity to present their sections of the 2026 State Plan to one another and identify potential areas of collaboration. After any edits and suggestions are made, a final draft will be sent to ODCP for approval by the Governor's office in January.

#### **Additional Discussion**

- None.

### **Adjournment:**

Rebecca closed the meeting by thanking all Subcommittee members for their attendance and participation. The Youth Subcommittee will meet again on December 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM.

**Youth 2026 State Plan**

**Goal 1: Improve available, accessible, and equitable treatment and recovery services for youth.**

Strategy 1: Address gaps in the current youth treatment and recovery service ecosystem in West Virginia. (i.e. wait times, payor source, provider capacity,

KPI 1: By June 30, 2026, conduct focus group or group conversations with stakeholders such service providers and service seekers to further understand gaps for youth treatment and recovery services.

KPI 2: By March 31, 2026, connect with the Department of Human Services (DoHS)/Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) Early Diversion Grant Sequential Intercept Mapping project results to share with committee.

KPI 3: By June 30, 2026, confirm inpatient treatment options for those not connected to the judicial system or those youth in state's custody.

KPI 4: By September 30, 2026, identify potential model programs/system operating in West Virginia using evidence-based treatment modalities for a State Model of Care.

KPI 5: By December 31, 2026, based on findings, form recommendations for expanding services' accessibility to youth specifically to those populations not yet engaged with the judicial system.

**Goal 2: Create a public facing resource document.**

Strategy 1: Formalize a document called "Navigating Substance Use Disorder and Behavioral Health for Youth and Families" from the resource list created in 2025.

KPI 1: By June 30, 2026, create a public facing document of the list of resources compiled in 2025 by partnering with ODCP and a graphics design company.

KPI 2: By September 30, 2026, in partnership with ODCP, distribute this list statewide.

**Goal 3: Establish, revitalize, and support community centers in West Virginia as safe spaces, essential resources, and support networks for lasting health and resiliency for youth.**

Strategy 1: Identify the importance of community centers in West Virginia and the connection of those in addressing needs of youth.

KPI 1: By March 31, 2026, create a research-informed document about community centers in partnership with ODCP and other state entities.

KPI 2: By June 30, 2026, disseminate the document to decision makers at county and local level to encourage support for community centers statewide.

Strategy 2: Facilitate connections with existing community centers and needed supports/organizations/etc. to encourage growth and sustainability.

KPI 1: June 30, 2026, identify existing resources, organizations, supports to help encourage and grow sustainability

KPI 2: By June 30, 2026, disseminate the research document to the identified existing resources and support organizations within communities where centers exist.

KPI 3: December 31, 2026, host at least 2 guest speaker opportunities with identified supports need by community centers.